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MEMORANDUM FOR:

SUBJECT : Contribution to Annual Report to PFIAB

The DCI has retained as one of his deputies that deputy who has supervised the performance of the National Intelligence Officers. Newly titled the Deputy to the DCI for National Intelligence, this deputy manages the staff to which the DCI primarily turns for advice and other assistance on substantive intelligence matters. The National Intelligence Staff is not in the chain of command of the Intelligence Community or the CIA. Rather, the intelligence products prepared under the management of the National Intelligence Staff -- such as National Intelligence Estimates, Interagency Intelligence Memoranda, and briefings by the DCI to the National Security Council -- are prepared on the authority of the DCI and utilize the analytical resources of the entire Intelligence Community. To better ensure that the work load for these interagency products is shared equitably within the Community, an interagency National Intelligence Steering Group was formed this past summer. Further, to improve the quality of the more important interagency products, an Estimates Advisory Panel is now being formed so that NIOs will have the benefit of the views of some of the best minds outside government on these products. Finally, an experiment with competitive analysis in the preparation of estimates, suggested by PFIAB to improve the quality of the product, is now well underway.

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